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I am writing to give my comments on the Microsoft antitrust settlement.

I am opposed to the proposed settlement in the Microsoft antitrust trial. I feel that the current proposed settlement grossly fails to either redress the actions committed by Microsoft in the past, or inhibit their ability to commit similar actions in the future.

Furthermore, I believe this settlement is counter to the interests of the American public, deleterious to the American/Global economy, and inadequate given the findings of fact in the trial.

Microsoft has been found guilty of illegally causing injury, and sometimes the destruction, of other corporations. If a human being destroys another human being they are either placed in prison or given a death sentence. Why are corporations not treated the same? When the state gives corporations more rights and privileges than the people, the state ceases to serve the people.

I am astonished that the proposed settlement does nothing to correct Microsoft's previous actions. There is not one provision to correct or redress their previous abuses. The proposed settlement only prohibits future repetition of those abuses. If a corporation can commit illegal acts, benefit from those acts and then receive as a "punishment" instructions that they cannot commit those acts again, they have still benefited from their illegal acts. That is not justice.

Justice is breaking the company up. Justice is removing the Board of Directors responsible for these actions. Justice is opening up their API code. There are lots of possibilities, some great some small, but they must be just.

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